



What's happening?

Washington State Ferries (WSF) is improving the existing Eagle Harbor Maintenance Facility.

Key features:

- Extend facility life by 30 years.
- Improve safety and efficiency of WSF operations.
- Improve vessel service reliability.
- Provide uninterrupted and faster maintenance services.
- Improve yard physical appearance.
- Improve maintenance training opportunities.



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Bainbridge Island Eagle Harbor Maintenance Facility

What's happening at the Eagle Harbor Maintenance Facility?

The Eagle Harbor Maintenance Facility serves as the “hub” for all Washington State Ferries (WSF) vessel and terminal maintenance, serving the largest ferry system in the United States. The site employs over 100 skilled laborers and crafts persons representing eight different trades. The facility is old and deteriorated, needing major repairs and modernizing.

What are we going to accomplish?

The program at Eagle Harbor repairs and improves the existing maintenance facility to ensure efficient operations over the next 30 years. It includes three separate projects.



The Eagle Harbor Maintenance Facility is near the Bainbridge Island Ferry Terminal.

Project 1

STATUS: Completed in July 2006

DESCRIPTION: Conversion of Slip B from a walk-on slip to a drive-on slip.

Project 2 (formerly construction phases 2 & 4)

STATUS: Permits and SEPA checklist submitted and under review — start of construction anticipated in 2007

DESCRIPTION: Repair of the dock facilities and Slip E to make structurally sound and to maintain existing utilities. This includes replacement of rotted piles and support beams. Rehabilitation of existing maintenance building to address structural, seismic, and functional needs.

Project 3

STATUS: Permits and SEPA checklist to be submitted in 2008 — start of construction anticipated in 2009.

DESCRIPTION: Construction Phase 3a (formerly construction phase 3) is the initial build-out of maintenance building annex.* This will support the maintenance functions and house the Shore Gang shop. First round of visual improvements. Construction Phase 3b** (formerly construction phase 5) is the full build-out of the maintenance building annex. This includes construction of a permanent storeroom and training facility. Second round of visual improvements, including relocating exterior storage into the interior of the Annex.

* The annex is located upland, not on the dock structures repaired in Project 2.

** Construction Phase 3b is currently unfunded.

How can I get involved?

Your thoughts and opinions are important to us. Please contact the project team if you have questions or comments or would like to be added to the WSF Bainbridge Projects mailing list.

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How did we get here?

In 2001, the Legislature directed a study to examine whether there were any potential benefits to relocating the maintenance facility before progressing with upgrades at the current location. The study recommended that WSF investigate relocating to Seattle and develop precise cost estimates. After further analysis, it was determined that relocating the maintenance facility would cost an additional \$16 million in capital and operational expenditures over a 30-year period. Based on this information, the decision was made to remain at Eagle Harbor and rehabilitate the maintenance facilities.

What is the one-acre lease agreement?

In the 1990s, WSF entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the City of Bainbridge Island to lease approximately a one-acre parcel on Eagle Harbor for a period of 20 years. Uses of this property must meet the requirements of commercial and industrial marine related uses as stated in the MOA, such as a boatyard. WSF is committed to working with the City and community to identify uses for this property through the planning process as part of Project 3.



How much will the project cost?

The Legislature has programmed \$38 million.

What coordination is occurring with other WSF Bainbridge projects?

WSF is planning to improve the ferry terminal at Bainbridge Island with construction starting in 2009. Work is coordinated with the Eagle Harbor Maintenance Facility Project to allow for concurrent planning and design, specifically at the intersection of Harborview Drive.

What public involvement opportunities are included as part of this project?

Several public meetings and briefings have occurred over the last few years. In Winter 2006, a six-member community roundtable was formed to work with WSF on specific aspects of site design. Design options developed with the help of the roundtable will be shared with the greater community.*

What is WSF doing to protect the environment?

The project will reduce scour by placing a slip in deeper water while renovation and new facility designs will minimize impacts to the environment. The project will also improve storage facilities for hazardous wastes, improve noise controls and remove 49,600 board feet of creosote piling from Eagle Harbor.

What will be the end result?

The completed project will allow the Eagle Harbor Maintenance Facility to function effectively over the next 30 years and keep WSF terminals and vessels operating reliably.

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